

TASK
PERFORM PARADROP OPERATIONS

WARNING

Ensure that any personnel in the cabin area not wearing a parachute are wearing a safety harness secured to a tie-down ring or are seated in a seat with seat belt on.

If parachutes use automatic ripcord releases, ensure that the automatic release is disconnected before descent is initiated. For an in flight emergency, if altitude can not be maintained, notify the jumpmaster immediately so automatic ripcord releases can be disconnected.

Ensure that static lines remain secured to the anchor point until they are recovered or the aircraft has landed. If recovery of static lines is impossible, execute a roll-on landing to avoid entangling deployment bags in the rotor system.

CONDITIONS: In a UH-60 helicopter with a jumpmaster.

STANDARDS: Appropriate common standards plus these additions/modifications:

1. Rated.

- a. Conduct a thorough crew and passenger safety briefing.
- b. Maintain maximum airspeed of 70 KIAS or less ± 5 knots during jumper deployment or as briefed by the jumpmaster.
- c. Maintain appropriate ground track over the drop zone.

2. Nonrated. Ensure that the aircraft is prepared for paradrop operations per TM 1-1520-237-10, FM 31-19, FM 57-230, and the unit SOP.

DESCRIPTION:

1. Crew actions.

- a. The PC will conduct a thorough crew briefing and ensure all crewmembers are familiar with paradrop operations, emergency, and communication procedures. He will ensure the aircraft is rigged.
- b. The P* will remain focused primarily outside the aircraft throughout the maneuver.
- c. The P and NCM will assist in clearing the aircraft and will provide adequate warning of obstacles and traffic.
- d. The P will ensure that the jumpmaster or crew chief retrieves the static lines as soon as the last parachutist has cleared the aircraft.
- e. The NCM will ensure that the aircraft is prepared for paradrop operations. He or the jumpmaster will acknowledge all communications from the P* and P. The NCM will inform the P* or P when all parachutists have exited the aircraft and when the deployment bags have been recovered.

2. Procedures. Maintain altitude, airspeed, and ground track as determined during pre-mission planning and jumpmaster's instructions. Perform in-flight procedures per FM 31-19, FM 57-220, and FM 57-230. The crew will conduct the paradrop per the procedures covered in the briefing and the references listed below. The PC will check that the jumpmaster or CE retrieves the static lines as soon as the last parachutist has cleared the aircraft.

NOTE: If the jumpmaster cannot communicate directly with the P*/P, he will communicate with the CE via hand-and-arm signals. The CE will relay necessary information to the P*/P via the intercom.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Training. Training will be conducted in the aircraft.

2. Evaluation. Evaluation will be conducted in the aircraft.

REFERENCES: Appropriate common references plus the following:

FAR, Part 105 FM 31-19 FM 57-220 FM 57-230 TM 215-2 TC 31-19

